

(a) AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES UNDER THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.—The Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) as amended by section 854(a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 USC 2036. "SEC. 27. AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

"(a) PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES.—From amounts made available to carry out this Act. for each of fiscal years 1997 through 2002, the Secretary shall purchase \$100,000,000 of a variety of nutritious and useful commodities of the types that the Secretary has the authority to acquire through the Commodity Credit Corporation or under section 32 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), and distribute the commodities to States for distribution in accordance with section 214 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (Public Law 98-8; 7 U.S.C. 612c note).

"(b) BASIS FOR COMMODITY PURCHASES.—In purchasing commodities under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, to the extent practicable and appropriate, make purchases based on—
 "(1) agricultural market conditions;
 "(2) preferences and needs of States and distributing agencies; and
 "(3) preferences of recipients."

7 USC 612c note. (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection

(d) shall become effective on October 1, 1996.

SEC. 872. FOOD BANK DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

Section 3 of the Charitable Assistance and Food Bank Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-232; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is repealed.

SEC. 873. HUNGER PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

The Hunger Prevention Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-435; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended—

(1)
(2)
and
(3)

by striking section 110;
by striking subtitle C of title II;

by striking section 502.

SEC. 874. REPORT ON ENTITLEMENT COMMODITY PROCESSING.

Section 1773 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-624; 7 U.S.C.

612c note) is amended
by striking subsection (f).

Subtitle C—Electronic Benefit Transfer Systems

SEC. 891. PROVISIONS TO ENCOURAGE ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER SYSTEMS.

Section 904 of the Electronic Fund
Transfer Act (15 U.S.C.
1693b) is amended—

(1) by striking "(d) In the event
that" and inserting "(d)
APPLICABILITY TO SERVICE PROVIDERS
OTHER THAN CERTAIN
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If: and

(2) by adding at the end the
following: